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Application No.: 09/719,881
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By: Puttkammer et al.
For Marking Substances and Security Elements...

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Request for Reconsideration

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated 3 June 2003. A petition to extend the period for response by one month has been filed under separate cover.

Current claims 31, 32, 39, 40, 49 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112 on grounds of alleged failing particularly to point out and distinctly to claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention, it being the Examiner's opinion that it "is unclear as to what applicant is claiming, since these claims appear to contain process limitations and they all depend from an apparatus claim."

Applicant courteously requests entry of the following amendment in order to avoid the objection.

In the claims:

Cancel, without prejudice, claims 32, 40 and 51. Claims 30-31, 33-39, 41-50 and 52-61 remain; claims 31, 39 and 49 have been amended.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The enclosed page is entitled "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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Invention: Marking Substances and Security Elements

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29 -	32 =	0 x	\$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0 x	\$42.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

- ☒ No additional fee is required for amendment.
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- ☐ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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